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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IRANIAN CONCERN OVER LEBANESE SITUATION

1. MFA DIRGEN FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS SADRIEH ASKED DCM TO CALL SEPT 30 FOR DISCUSSION OF LEBANESE SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO SADRIEH'S REQUEST FOR OUR VIEWS ON SUBJECT, DCM DREW ON RECENT

BEIRUT CABLES, PARTICULARLY 1803. SADRIEH NOTED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS IN ACCORD WITH HIS OWN AND ASKED WHAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DO TO HELP LEBANON DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. DCM REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO SEE OUTCOME OF INTERNAL MOVES TO RECONCILE CONTENDING FACTIONS AND BUILD NEW BASIS FOR COOPERATION, AND EVEN SYRIANS WHO HAD BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WERE PLAYING CAUTIOUS ROLE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMED TO DCM THAT MOST HELPFUL THING WE COULD DO WOULD BE TO STAY OUT OF IT.

2. ASKED WHETHER HE HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KHALIL, SADRIEH STATED HE HAD NOT YET DONE SO. HE HAD, HOWEVER, TALKED TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SOLIMAN WHO FELT THAT BECAUSE OF EGYPT'S OWN TROUBLES WITH SYRIA IT WOULD ONLY MUDDY LEBANESE WATERS FURTHER FOR EGYPT TO TRY TO BE HELPFUL IN PRESENT SITUATION.

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3. DCM SAID HE WOULD REPORT SADRIEH'S CONCERN AND ASK IF

DEPARTMENT HAD ANYTHING ADDITIONAL IT WOULD LIKE PASSED TO
IRANIANS. IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE.
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